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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 8

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

PAULINE K. GUBBELS

FOR THE INTEGRATED WATER AND RESOURCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE SECRETARIES OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HIGHWAY AND
TRANSPORTATION AND FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION AND THE
SUPERINTENDENT OF REGULATION AND LICENSING TO COOPERATE IN
STUDYING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL OF ASTRONOMY AND
METHODS TO MAINTAIN DARK SKY RESOURCES.

WHEREAS, astronomy is a significant, clean, high-technology
industry employing six hundred people statewide; and

WHEREAS, two hundred million dollars (\$200,000,000) in
capital investment has already been made in the New Mexico
astronomy industry; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's viability as an international center
for astronomical research depends on dark skies, which are being
threatened by light pollution; and

WHEREAS, the excessive use of light wastes energy,

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1 increases consumer costs, diminishes public appreciation of
2 scenic vistas and interferes with people's right to privacy; and

3 WHEREAS, careful use of outdoor lighting with shielded or
4 redirected lights and low-pressure sodium light bulbs is energy
5 efficient and can enhance public safety without harming dark sky
6 resources; and

7 WHEREAS, Alamogordo, Cloudcroft and Tucson, Arizona have
8 enacted ordinances that respect the need for adequate ground
9 light while respecting the value of dark skies;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
11 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the secretaries of economic
12 development, highway and transportation and finance and
13 administration and the superintendent of regulation and
14 licensing cooperate in studying the economic development
15 potential of New Mexico's dark skies, alternative lighting
16 technologies and design to maintain dark skies, and obstacles to
17 conservation of dark skies; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretaries report to the
19 appropriate interim committee with their recommendations for
20 legislation by December 1, 1997; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
22 transmitted to the secretaries of economic development, highway
23 and transportation and finance and administration and the
24 superintendent of regulation and licensing.

**State of New Mexico
House of Representatives**

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION, 1997

February 26, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, to
whom has been referred

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 8

has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

Max Coll, Chairman

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Date _____

The roll call vote was 11 For 0 Against

Yes: 11

Excused: Bird, Coll, Garcia, M H., Marquardt, Salazar, Watchman

Absent: None

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FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION, 1997

March 15, 1997

Mr. President:

Your FINANCE COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 8

has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben D. Altamirano, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

No: None

Excused: Carraro, Eisenstadt, Ingle, Lyons, McKibben

Absent: None

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FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION, 1997

March 14, 1997

Mr. President:

Your CONSERVATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 8

has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the
PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael S. Sanchez, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

No: None

Excused: Kysar, Macias, Tsosie

Absent: None

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